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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/808,183

Applicant(s)

KUNKLER ET AL.

Examiner

William H. Rodriguez

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-14 and 16-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group II (claims 5-28) in the reply filed on 9/1/06 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 16 recites the limitation "said piston" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 5 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **McLoughlin et al. (US 5,888,051)**.

McLoughlin teaches a system comprising: an internal combustion engine 10 driving a pump 12, a throttle 30 connected to a control 28 that is responsive to the output pressure of said

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pump and adapted to reduce engine speed when said output pressure exceeds a threshold high pressure. The output of the discharge pressure sensor 26 is fed to control 28, which controls the throttle 30 to vary the RPM of the engine as needed. See particularly abstract, cl. 2 ll. 30-36, cl. 3 ll. 45-55 and Figures 1 and 5.

6. Claims 5 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Dill et al. (US 5,848,877)**.

Dill teaches a system comprising: an internal combustion engine 12 driving a pump 20, a throttle 44 connected to a control 30 that is responsive to the output pressure of said pump and adapted to reduce engine speed when said output pressure exceeds a threshold high pressure. The output of the discharge pressure sensor 34 is fed to control 30, which controls the throttle 44 to vary the RPM of the engine as needed. See particularly abstract, cl. 1 ll. 5-12; cl. 4 ll. 20-25 and 35-38; cl. 5 ll. 33-34 and Figures 1 and 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 6-14 and 17-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. Claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Claims 20-28 are allowed.

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With respect to claim 20, the following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record neither discloses nor makes obvious the combination set forth in the independent claims, and especially does not show a method comprising the steps of: "c) *the controlled backpressure is applied to a movable member to cause the movable member to move; d) the movable member, which is operatively connected with the throttle, moves the throttle to reduce engine speed when moved per step c); wherein the controlled backpressure is substantially less than the output pressure of the pump*", in combination with the other claim limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Rodríguez whose telephone number is 571-272-4831. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Ehud Gartenberg can be reached on 571-272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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